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### DEVELOPS 23-KNOT SPEED

First of the "Hush" Craft the British  
Public Has Been Permitted to  
See at Close Range—Dough-  
boys Inspect Ship.

London.—Thousands of persons waited for hours to get a close-up peep at the P-31, a British antisubmarine "mystery" ship, which was moored off Queen Victoria embankment for a two days' public inspection at the close of the official peace celebrations. The P-31 was the first of the "hush" craft the public was permitted to see at close range.

It was only ten yards from the embankment to the quaint looking U-boat fighter, but the intervening distance had to be made in small boats. These each carried eight passengers, and the fare was one shilling, so the watermen's pockets soon were bulging, but there was no complaint about "prostituting."

Doughboys Inspect Ship.  
Among the curious who swarmed over the vessel were a number of American soldiers. Some of them took a peculiar interest in the guides' explanations and comment on the boat's "trick" fittings—her geared turbines, gadgets, depth-charge throwers and paravanes.

It recalled to them a night of peril through which they passed from Southampton or Winchester across the submarine and mine-infested English channel, en route to Havre or some other French port—and the war. That night of fearful expectancy passed safely, they had marvelled at the efficiency of the conveying craft which they knew had been off in the darkness somewhere, plowing through rolling breakers, eager for an encounter—with its frequent aftermath of "oil and bubbles" from a vanquished undersea boat.

But as these doughboy spectators heard a member of the crew of the "hush" ship say: "She does everything but loop-the-loop," and saw others demonstrate parts of the ship's fighting equipment hitherto kept secret, they understood why they had been so secure.

Twenty-three-Knot Speed.  
The "P-31" is 244 feet long, with narrow beam, seven-foot draft and equipped with independent engines, fore and aft, that can speed her through heavy seas at 23 knots an hour. Built high forward and low at the stern, the vessel has somewhat the appearance of a submarine—an effect that her designers intended.

"Fritz sometimes would think she was a 'sub' and would open fire on her—but when she slewed around in her own length and got into action Helms was sorry he had spoken," said a sailor who had been through eight engagements on the fighter.

There had been other brushes with enemy craft, he explained, adding, "but unless you can bring home a bit of the corpse, the admiralty say, 'not proven.' It's no use to tell them about the 'oil and bubbles,' they're no proof, because Fritz used to release oil and bubbles to make us waste ammunition."

### SUICIDE-A-FELONY LAW DIES

Off New York Statute Books After  
Twenty Years—Two Con-  
ventions in That Time.

New York.—The state law making attempted suicide a felony has expired after it had been on the statute books for more than twenty years and resulted in but two convictions.

The law provides a penalty of not more than two years' imprisonment and a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for violators, but is said by those who succeeded in obtaining its repeal to have been no deterrent to those who wished to hurry out of the world.

Police officials are said to have favored the repeal on the ground that convictions were almost impossible to secure, while often it was necessary to detain a policeman to a hospital for weeks to guard would-be suicide prisoners.

### Cops Give Hermit His Annual Shave and Bath

Dallas, Tex.—John May, aged hermit who lives in a dilapidated shack in the river bottoms here, has been given his annual haircut, shave and bath. The police did the tonsorial act and also administered the scrubbing. It took several of the cops to do it, for John is a strong man and put up a determined struggle throughout the performance. He went to the police station with grizzled hair and beard, which reached almost to his waist. He came away with a smooth face and head and smelling like high-priced toilet water. John got his first haircut, shave and bath in twenty years last year when the cops ran him in and trimmed him up.

## Methodist Church Enters Ypres and Brussels

GREAT MEMORIAL CHURCH WILL  
BE ERECTED IN DEVASTATED  
BELGIAN CITY.

Brussels To Be Center of Large Enter-  
prise On the Part of South-  
erners.

Nashville, Tenn.—A great Methodist Church, erected and maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be erected amid the ruins of Ypres, in Belgium. This was stated by Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, director-general of the Centenary Commission, who, with Bishop James Atkins, the bishop in charge of European mission fields, just returned from Belgium.

The city of Ypres, terribly devastated, will not be rebuilt in its entirety. The once magnificent Cloth Hall, the finest in the world, the Cathedral, the town hall, the churches, and other large ruins will be left as a perpetual memorial.

Of these the city mayor has caused signs to be erected, reading: "This is holy ground. No stone of this fabric may be taken away. It is a heritage for all civilized peoples."

### A City of Memorials.

Ypres is a city of memorials. The British government has selected a site and will erect a great museum as a monument to her fallen heroes.

Similar buildings will be built by Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Belgium.

In the midst of these memorials the Southern Methodist Church will be erected. It will contain a library, reading room and social equipment, in addition to its auditorium and class room.

"Ypres will always be a mecca for travelers," said Dr. Beauchamp. "Thousands and millions will flock to that battlefield. Our Church will not only minister to the people of Ypres and the surrounding territory, but it will also serve these visitors."

### Great Plant in Brussels.

The Methodists have also purchased a great building in Brussels, which will be their headquarters for Europe. It will contain offices, an auditorium, reading and lecture rooms, a publishing plant and social equipment.

The general secretaries of the two Protestant bodies of Belgium, the state Church and the free Church, will have offices in this building, thus making it the Protestant center of Belgium.

Southern Methodists have also purchased a half interest in the Protestant hospital of Brussels. It will be enlarged and its capacity will be doubled.

### Relief Stations Established.

Dr. Beauchamp reported that thousands of children will freeze to death this winter, because the Germans flooded the mines and filled them with concrete, thus making it impossible for the people to obtain fuel.

"Children, with their mothers," said Dr. Beauchamp, "are now living in the abandoned trenches and dug-outs left by the enemy."

In order to cope with the situation the Methodists have arranged to open relief stations at Ypres, St. Quentin, Montdidier, Belgrade and other points.

A full contingent of physicians, nurses, directors and social workers will be sent abroad as soon as they can be found.

The Church has a fund of \$5,000,000 for European construction work. This will be spent in Serbia, France, Belgium, Poland and Bohemia.

## Revival Planned For Entire South

Widest Evangelistic Effort Ever Made  
Will Be Launched Soon.

Nashville, Tenn.—Plans for an evangelistic movement which will cover the entire South and operate in 20,000 churches at the same time are being formulated by the Centenary Commission and the evangelistic committee of the M. E. Church, South.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington is the chairman of the joint directing committee and Dr. O. E. Goddard is the executive secretary.

### Standard Plan Made.

The movement will operate according to a standard plan. This plan provides for a preliminary survey of the entire South to discover what persons are not affiliated with any religious denomination.

Dr. A. C. Zumbrennen is in charge of the survey, and he has made preliminary investigations in a large number of typical sections as samples to guide pastors in surveying their own fields.

When these surveys are completed the evangelistic movement will be launched in an effort to interest all non-church members whose names have been secured.

It has been estimated that half a million workers will be enlisted to personally interview the persons who have no church membership.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH MOVES FOR UNITY

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION TO  
ADMIT CONGREGATIONAL-  
ALISTS

### CHURCH IS REORGANIZED

Nation-Wide Campaign Expected To  
Make Possible Several Impressive  
Developments Within  
Communion

Southern leaders of the Episcopal Church, back home after the epoch-making General Convention of the Church at Detroit, have plunged into the task of shaping into reality the impressive policies for which foundation was laid there, and which include:

1. The move toward a union of churches, to which the Episcopal Church committed itself by steps for an amendment to its Constitution that will permit in three years the Episcopal ordination of Congregational clergymen, as well as similar agreement with other denominations.

2. The complete reorganization of the Church, through creation of an executive council to supplant all existing official boards of the General Convention.

3. The establishment of the National Church League for Social and Industrial Democracy, to fight for social and economic principles on a Christian basis.

All these things—the broadening of the Church's scope and functions—are expected to be made possible through the success of its Nation-Wide Campaign of spiritual awakening and greater practical service. This campaign, designed to extend the Church's influence along social, educational and spiritual lines at home and abroad, has been described by leaders of the Church as "the greatest missionary adventure in the history of the communion, an adventure that should help mightily to enable the Church to recover its Apostolic torch of leadership freed from the control of the stand-pat influences that have for so long muffled its proclamation of Christian fundamentals."

"The genius of the Nation-Wide Campaign is not the money-raising end of it," said Dr. Robert W. Patton, national campaign director, who is touring the South. "It is a very modest financial goal, that of probably less than \$50,000,000 for the richest Church of Protestantism in America. The big thing is the campaign's avowed determination to reach every individual community of the Church to discover just what his religion means to him, and what he is willing to sacrifice for it. It intends to transform every 'paper communicant' into a real Churchman aflame with the old zeal for the spread of Christian fundamentals."

"We must organize the world along unselfish lines, or the selfish interests of civilization will organize it along selfish lines."

Episcopal leaders are pointing to the proposed concordat with the Congregational Church—the old Church of the Puritans—as a historic event in religious annals, as it brings into close unity of effort two great forces in the national life that were as far apart religiously and socially as the poles throughout colonial history and down to and including the War Between the States—the Puritan of New England and the "Anglican Cavalier" of the South.

## CAROLINA CHURCH ENTERS INSURANCE FIELD FOR FLOCK

EPISCOPAL RECTOR DEVISES  
PLAN TO CARE FOR PARISH-  
IONERS AND DEPEND-  
ENTS IN TIME OF  
TROUBLE.

Death benefits, sick benefits and old age pensions are part of the practical Christianity practiced by St. John's Episcopal Mission of Charleston, S. C., among its parishioners, with one day's wage a month from each employed man and woman as premium. St. John's is perhaps the first "insurance church" in history.

In the four months the plan has been in operation, the congregation has increased until a movement has been started to raise a \$50,000 fund and build a church large enough for the needs.

The inventor of the "insurance church" plan is Rev. A. E. Cornish, a veteran Episcopal Rector of Charleston. Mr. Cornish held the pulpit of St. John's from 1883 to 1894, and returned last July when the Episcopal Nation-Wide Campaign for ascertaining and financing the needs of the whole Church made it necessary for some one to direct the survey of the parish.

Mr. Cornish found his former parishioners strangely apathetic. Deciding to win back their interest, he planned to give them an opportunity to do something definite for the maintenance and constructive work of the church. The insurance plan was conceived. All members of the mission passing the age of 70 are to be pensioned at \$2 a week. Persons who fall ill are given \$5 a week sick benefit for four consecutive weeks. One hundred dollars is paid the relatives of each member in good standing at his death.

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